Dealing with Radical Extremism in UK Prisons

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Thursday 21st April 2016
10:15am – 4:30pm

Park Plaza Westminster Bridge
London

Public Policy Exchange holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future development across all areas of public policy.
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Overview

Prisons are said to have become ‘breeding grounds’ for radicalisation, providing an ideal environment for radicalisers to introduce their extreme doctrines. By approaching vulnerable and impressionable individuals, radical extremists seek to influence other inmates through promising there is an alternative path out of isolation, through creating a sense of belonging and involvement to a wider project and presenting a vision of a promised victory.

In July 2015, the Prime Minister called for a “total rethink” of how extremism in prison has to be tackled.

Following public consultation, in July 2015 the Government also revised the ‘Prevent Duty Guidance’ (initially published in March 2015) for ‘specified authorities’ (local authorities, prisons, the police, the health sector, schools, further and higher education) in England, Wales and Scotland. The requirement is imposed under the ‘Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015’, which is into force from 1 July 2015, placing a statutory obligation for the ‘specified authorities’ to “prevent people being drawn into terrorism”.

For prisons, in particular, governors should consider preliminary risk assessments through cell-sharing risk assessment, initial reception and induction interviews “to establish concerns in relation to any form of extremism”, be that:

- Faith-based
- Animal rights
- Environmental
- Far right and far left
- Any new emerging trend of extremism.

In addition, contacting the prison’s chaplaincy should be an integral part of the induction process, whilst ongoing risk assessments and interventions will be considered through management actions which include:

- A reduction in the privilege level
- Anti-bullying intervention
- Adjudication
- Segregation
- Alternative theological, motivational and behavioural interventions

With the Government’s five-year ‘Counter-Extremism Strategy’ published in October 2015 and the prison population growing, the prison environment and the probation services have a pivotal role to play in tackling radical extremism.

This special symposium provides an invaluable opportunity for local authorities, practitioners from prison, probation services, the police and key stakeholders from the private and third sector to discuss ways to eradicate radical extremism from prisons across the UK. It will analyse the Government’s approach to combat extremism in British prisons and to explore the next steps in making the prison environment a safe place of rehabilitation for offenders.

“...From 1 July the new statutory Prevent duty for specified authorities will commence.

Once this has been fully implemented it will require local authorities, the police, prisons, probation services, schools, colleges – and yes, universities too – to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

This will ensure that Prevent activity is consistent across the country and in all those bodies that work with those who may be vulnerable.”

- Home Secretary, February 2015

Why Attend?

- Understand the prison setting and analyse why prisons can be an incubator for radicalisation and extremism in the UK
- Examine the Government’s thinking on tackling prison extremism, assess the latest policy initiatives, identify gaps and recommend next steps
- Discuss ways for early identification, supervision and monitoring of high-risk offenders, highlight the significance of having highly-trained staff and specialised resources such as translators and other experts
- Consider the importance of multi-agency coordination between prison, the police and other agencies in combating extremism
- Share best practice on how radicalisation can be prevented in prisons

Who Should Attend?

- Offender Management Training Teams
- Probation Officers
- Crown Prosecution Service
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships
- Community Safety Partnerships
- Third Sector Practitioners
- Drug and Alcohol Action Teams
- Criminal Justice Practitioners
- Judges and Magistrates
- Legal Professionals
- Health Service Professionals
- Victim Support Representatives
- Mental Health Practitioners
- Social Workers and Social Services Officers
- Police Service, Police Authorities & Fire Services
- Young Offenders Institutes
- Licensing Enforcement Officers
- Community Cohesion and Development Organisations
- Community Support Officers
- Local Authority Officers & Councillors
- Central Government Departments & Agencies
- Children and Youth Services
- Training, Skills and Employment Providers
- Domestic Violence Co-ordinators
- Families Services Officers
- Equality and Diversity Practitioners
- Academics and Researchers

Accommodation

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| 10:30 | **Panel Session One:** Preventing Radical Extremism in the UK Prisons – Addressing Key Challenges  
• Prisons as ‘Incubators’ for Radicalisation and Extremism - Understanding the Prison Environment, Discuss the Factors and Conditions that Make Prisons ‘Breeding Grounds’ for Radicalisation  
• Examine the Government’s Thinking on Tackling Prison Extremism – Assess the Latest Policy Initiatives, Identify Gaps and Recommend Next Steps  
• Upskilling the Workforce - Building the Proper Set of Skills and Capacity for Staff  
• What is the Role and Challenges for Criminal Justice Practitioners when dealing with Radicalised Violent Extremists?  
• Explore the use of Modern Technologies and How it can Impact on Prison Radicalisation |
| 11:15 | Morning Refreshments                                                    |
| 11:30 | Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One                         |
| 12:30 | Networking Lunch                                                        |
| 13:30 | **Panel Session Two:** Working in Partnership to Tackle Radicalisation in Prisons  
• Consider the Importance of Multi-Agency Coordination between Prison, the Police and other Agencies in Combating Extremism  
• Discuss ways for Early Identification, Supervision and Monitoring of High-Risk Offenders  
• Analyse the Vital Role of Faith groups and Leaders in Standing up Against Extremism  
• Discuss the How Other Voluntary Organisations can Contribute to Helping Individuals Move Away from Radicalisation, Assess the Impact of ‘Channel’  
• Share Best Practice, Knowledge and Experience on how Radicalisation can be Prevented in Prisons |
| 14:15 | Afternoon Refreshments                                                  |
| 14:30 | Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two                         |
| 15:30 | Chair’s Summary and Closing Comments                                    |
| 15:40 | Networking Reception                                                    |
| 16:30 | Close                                                                   |

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- Widening Participation in Higher Education: Promoting Social Mobility and Ensuring Fair Access  
27th April 2016

- Addressing the Impact of Alcohol Misuse on Public Health  
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- Strengthening UK Cyber Security: Working in Partnership to Reduce Risk in the Digital Age  
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